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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

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For : PARTICLES COATED WITH GRANULATED
CRYSTALLINE IBUPROFEN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-9, without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

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-- 10. Coated particles based on granulated microcrystals of ibuprofen, its isomers and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, wherein they have a coating consisting of a mixture comprising:

- A) from 5 to 50% by weight, preferably from 10 to 30% by weight, of ethyl cellulose, based on the ibuprofen;
- B) from 10 to 60% by weight, preferably 15 to 50% by weight, of hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, based on ethyl cellulose; and